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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

"Long War University"

By Steve Horn and Allen Ruff

A matrix of university-based strategic studies ventures, the so-called Grand Strategy Programs (GSP), have cropped up to serve the national security warfare state.

GSP programs, centered at Yale, Duke, the University of Texas, Columbia and Temple, illustrate the influential role of warrior academics in the post-9/11 United States. GSP has brought together foreign policy wonks heavily invested in an unending quest to maintain US global supremacy, a campaign which they increasingly refer to as the Long War.

GSP is financed by Roger Hertog, the multimillionaire patron of the conservative movement. Hertog is a board member of the right-wing American Enterprise Institute, and also served on the executive committee of the neoconservative and pro-Israel Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Hertog has been a staunch advocate of a conservative, results-based "new philanthropy" - the replacement of open-ended funding for endowed university chairs with money for selected projects, made available on a two- or three-year basis.

The Grand Strategy network started at Yale, evolving out of discussions between global historian Paul Kennedy, conservative "dean of cold war historians" John Lewis Gaddis and others, including the New York Times' Thomas Friedman, in early 1999 in order "to deliberately ... train the next generation of world leaders."

According to Gaddis, the curriculum was drawn from the efforts of earlier strategic planners, such as Henry Kissinger, and stemmed from his

experience as a mid-1970s faculty member at the Naval War College.

Aspiring Grand Strategy students are carefully vetted. The year-long program focuses on "real world practice" and includes the study of "classics" in strategic thinking, from ancient Chinese general Sun Tzu's "The Art of War" and Greek historian Thucydides to Prussian military strategist Karl von Clausewitz and Kissinger himself.

Students' summer projects have included internships at the European Union's Institute for Security Studies and the National Security Agency. Graduates have gone on to careers with the Department of State, CIA, Homeland Security, and the DoD's Institute for Defense Analyses.

The GSP course concludes with a "crisis simulation" session, in which students prepare "emergency rapid response" scenarios as if preparing for a "real time" meeting of the National Security Council and the president. Role-playing the president and other administration officials, the presenters are then grilled by program faculty who critique their work.

The seminars have included exclusive "outside guests." CIA head David Petraeus, at the time commander of military operations in the Middle East, paid an unpublicized visit to Yale GSP's in 2010.

Other visitors included the likes of Kissinger and hardline former ambassador to the UN, John Bolton. Observers from the CIA and West Point cadets also sat in on the seminars.

Gaddis told Yale Alumni Magazine in 2003 that, " ... We now offer workshops in grand strategy at the war colleges and service academies, recreating a connection with the

highest levels of the military ... And Washington has taken notice."

In 2008, some 20 historians and political scientists gathered at a private club near Yale. There Hertog told them that he was willing to spend as much as \$10 million to fund scholars interested in inaugurating GSPs at their respective campuses. He requested proposals from professors detailing how they would use his seed money.

One of the recipients of Hertog "strategic philanthropy" has been the Program in American Grand Strategy at Duke, headed by Peter D. Feaver, an important player within the Long War University. He is also an affiliate of the Center for a New American Security, the influential liberal hawk think tank presided over by the warrior intellectual John Nagl, the former career military man who helped write the influential Counterinsurgency Field Manual while under the command of General Petraeus.

In 2010 key members of the Long War grand strategist fraternity gathered for a "Workshop on the Teaching of Grand Strategy" at the Naval War College.

The meet-up's list of attendees read like an abbreviated "who's who" of warrior academics and national security state intellectuals.

Those in attendance included Gaddis and Kennedy, their Yale disciples, Columbia's Connelly, Duke's Hal Brands, Middle East expert Michael Doran, a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, and Peter Mansoor, chair of military history at Ohio State University and former assistant to Petraeus in Iraq, and Georgetown's Robert J. Lieber, member of the ultraconservative Committee on the Present Danger..

The NWC conclave might best be described as an imperial war hawk's "how-to" teach-in. Its sessions included "'Great Books' on Strategy," "Economics and Grand Strategy," "Strategic Leadership," and "Great Power Wars," on how to teach "the strategic significance of the commons - maritime, aerospace, and information."

The closing session looked at "how to stay connected with each other" and "how to promote courses in the professional military and the universities."

The so-called "Grand Strategy Programs" represent but one small component of a proliferating Long War University complex. The number of university programs connected to the national security state, the imperial foreign policy establishment and military planners is vast; so, too, are the numbers of campus-based think tanks and related institutes - well funded - in service to empire.

"Grand strategy" is little more than imperial doctrine, a "soft" public relations term for a growing academic discipline with origins in the war ministries of an earlier era's imperial powers.

US warfare doctrine in the post-9/11 era has returned to a focus on counterinsurgency, or COIN, on fighting limited "asymmetric" wars against "terrorists" or insurgents, an increasingly sophisticated spectrum of intervention - of "nation building" and the "reconstruction" of other societies. COIN occupies a central place in the thinking of semi-warrior intellectuals and their students. Sharing a broad consensus on America's role in the world and imbued with a sense of American "exceptionalism," the Long War intellectuals at the national warfare state universities have joined in preparation for permanent war.

--" How Private Warmongers and the US Military Infiltrated American Universities", Truthout News Analysis 28 November 2011

Let's Nullify War

By Joel Poindexter

Chances are most Americans have never seen a legal war. That's because it's been seventy years since Congress declared war, against Japan, pursuant to the U.S. constitution. The wars now being waged, and all the past overseas police and contingency operations, have been carried out against the spirit and letter of the law

Since 2001 more than

260,000 National Guard troops have been deployed overseas in support of the "war on terror." In each case a state governor allowed them to go. That should end now if we're going to demand the constitution be followed.

According to the late Henry Hyde, Chairman of the House International Relations Committee at the time of the Iraq war, declarations of war "aren't done anymore." So there you have it. The president can just send in the troops.

It's the same with every usurpation by the federal government. They don't follow the rules. So what can be done about it? State nullification, of sorts.

The precedent for states' autonomy over their militia dates from the war of 1812, when Massachusetts and Connecticut refused to deploy their militias along the coast, because the order violated the constitutional use of the militia to "execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel invasions."

The governor of Massachusetts asserted that the states themselves would be the judge of whether or not an order was applicable. If those three conditions were unmet, the legislature of Connecticut resolved that it "would be not only the height of injustice to the militia ... but a violation of the constitution of the United States."

During the 1980s, President Reagan ordered National Guard units to Central America for training. When Pennsylvania refused, the Supreme Court decided that states could withhold their troops, on two conditions: the deployments would 1) interfere with training schedules and, 2) reduce the state's ability to respond to disasters.

Recently at least twelve states, governors, state legislatures, and city councils have pushed to regain sovereignty over their guardsmen. Though largely symbolic, this could signal a movement toward local control of National Guard troops.

It's true that withholding National Guard forces will not end unconstitutional wars, nor force Washington to adhere to the law. It will however put pressure on the Pentagon to reduce troop levels abroad.

Such a change will help increase public awareness of the importance of adhering to the law. Wars that were legally declared had clear objectives and were relatively short in duration, the average length being only four years. Undeclared wars however, are subject to mission creep,

and on average last more than nine years.

Let's reverse this trend and restore state sovereignty: every issue, every time.

The Tenth Amendment Center has prepared model legislation that can be used to begin requiring governors uphold their obligation to their states. You are encouraged to send copies of this to your state representatives and senators, with instructions to introduce it at the earliest legislative session.--
<http://tenthamendmentcenter.com/2011/11/19/>

Guns are a big seller on Black Friday

WASHINGTON - In addition to flat-screen televisions, smartphones and cut-rate designer clothing, Black Friday's shopping legions seized on another hot item: guns.

Background-check requests for gun sales broke an all-time high smashing the previous record by 32%.

Deputy Assistant FBI Director Jerry Pender said the checks, required by federal law, surged to 129,166 during the day, far surpassing the previous high of 97,848 on Black Friday of 2008.

The actual number of firearms sold is likely higher because multiple firearms can be included in a transaction by a single buyer.

Some gun industry analysts attributed the surge to an increasing number of first-time buyers seeking firearms for protection and women who are being drawn to sport shooting and hunting.

Dennis Henigan, acting president of the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, said he was "skeptical" of the Black Friday gun surge.

"I think there may be no real significance at all," Henigan said. "It's possible that gun companies are just catching on to creating a Black Friday frenzy for themselves."

-- USA Today, Dec. 1, 2011

Cyber Monday Special: Buy Guns before Obama Enslaves and Kills You

Apparently there are those who find National Rifle Association executive vice president Wayne LaPierre's exhortation that there is a "massive Obama conspiracy" in which President Obama is planning to follow up his re-election by somehow

In the beginning of change the patriot is a scarce man, brave, hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, however, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot. — Mark Twain

eliminating the Second Amendment just a touch too subtle.

In an ad emailed to WorldNetDaily, the good people at USAmmo explain that President Obama is "secretly conspiring to strip American Citizens of the right to bear arms"... just like Hitler. The sane response to this dastardly conspiracy is, of course, to stock up on military-grade assault weapons and ammunition, which the patriots at USAmmo have helpfully put on sale.

Warning that gun control is "One Election Away!" USAmmo manages to compare Obama to Chinese dictator and mass murderer Mao Zedong, Soviet dictator and mass murderer Josef Stalin, German dictator and mass murderer Adolf Hitler, Cambodian dictator and mass murderer Pol Pot... and Academy Award-winning actor Forest Whitaker whose photo was used for Idi Amin.

The company's video link features haunting music and images of the various dictators who allegedly "established gun control" and the victims who, "unable to defend themselves, were imprisoned, enslaved, and annihilated." In case, you missed the point, the music swiftly shifts to heavy metal as on-screen text warns viewers that "Governments render their citizens defenseless with GUN CONTROL!" because "The defensless [sic] are subject to enslavement, imprisonment and annihilation." Declaring that "An unarmed American is a subject... an armed American is a citizen," the website urges viewers to "Get armed at USAmmo.com," then shows images of the AR- and AK- variants and ammo on sale. The video closes with the cheery/chilling statement, "Get them something they'll love! BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!!"

USAmmo neglects to mention the many ties between murderous dictators and rebel leaders and members of the NRA's own board. Josh Horwitz, executive director of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, lays out the ties between board member Grover Norquist and Nicaraguan Contras and murderous African rebel leaders backed by South Africa's apartheid regime; board member Oliver North's connections to the Contras and to Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega; and board member Roy Innis' support for the actual Idi Amin, who reportedly awarded Innis Ugandan citizenship in 1973. Board member and *Soldier of Fortune* publisher Robert Brown reportedly fought alongside El Salvadoran dictator Roberto

d'Aubuisson's death squads and provided supplies to Nicaragua's Contra rebels in the early 1980's.

For more on the ties between the NRA's board and repressive regimes, visit MeetTheNRA.org -- <http://mediamatters.org/blog> by Matt Gertz Nov. 28, 2011

The Chilly World of the Campus Male

by Warren Farrell

Males are keenly aware that colleges are a hostile environment. Freshman orientation has a heavy emphasis on date rape, stalking, unwanted sexual attention. The message is that males are patriarchal oppressors and potential sex criminals; only women are vulnerable, and men are the cause of their vulnerability. At one elite university the first thing a female freshman gets from the administration is a whistle to blow in the event that a rape-minded male accosts her. The freshman male is guilty until proven innocent.

This message is reinforced by gender courses, some professors, and on many campuses, what Charlotte Allen calls "the scorched-earth war against fraternities." The anti-fraternity movement is ostensibly about binge-drinking, hazing, date rape, but it's really about erasing a male refuge from campus political correctness' theory of the evil male.

The only males likely to escape this pressure are gays, African-Americans, the transgendered, or guys who agree that males are dangerous. The hostility toward men isn't allowed to be considered a "hostile environment." Only grievance groups get to detect hostile environments.

The anti-male bias emanates from departments of women's and "gender" studies and is adopted by psychology; social work; sociology; anthropology; literature; schools of education; and the seminaries. At the prestigious universities, most of these departments are now 80% to 95% female.

As a person who has taught in departments of women's studies, psychology, political science and sociology in many universities (and the only man ever elected three times to the Board of the National Organization for Women), I can tell you that the core male-female message is: "we live in a patriarchal world in which men created laws to benefit men at the expense of women." If our sons arrive on campus, they will inevitably be trying to date

women who are learning this negative attitude toward them.

"Gender" courses study only liberal women's view of women's powerlessness, and their perspective on male power. Dissent is not tolerated and no administration will dare direct these closed courses to open up. It took twenty years for Boston College to do something about an anti-male professor who refused to allow males in her class.

Today men are as ignorant about their own powerlessness and female power as women in the 1950's were about their own powerlessness and male power. Men are psychologically about where women were in the 1950's. The last half century has been a war in which only one side showed up.

When I did the research for my book, *The Myth of Male Power*, and articulated these thoughts in the university, I went from being a hero to unemployable by a top university.

When I did the research for *Why Men Earn More* I discovered, for example, that women who had never married and never had children earn 117% of what comparable males earn. Mentioning this will increase the male student's chances of being accused of "creating a hostile environment."

Assumptions such as "history is men's studies" and "the heterosexual white male is privileged" are not open to intellectual investigation. If a male were to make the mistake of bringing up the possibility that, throughout history, all societies that survived did so based on their ability to train their sons to be disposable (e.g., in war, or in work)—one of the themes I discovered to be common among cultures when researching *The Myth of Male Power*—he will not be admired for his thoughtfulness.

We have to bring back balance to male-female relations on campus. In the early 1990s, the now-dead magazine *Lingua Franca* was calling attention to the "chilly" attitude toward males on our campuses. Now it's worse. We don't know if the chill is a factor in the growing male aversion to higher education and the high male drop-out rate. But we do know that there are many ominous indicators. Here's one: For the first time in American history, our sons will have less education than their fathers. When the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) studied the education attainment of sons compared to their dads in 31 countries, the U.S. ranked 31st.

Our colleges and universities can be justly proud of reaching out to women and improving their life prospects. Now they should do the same for men, and the first step will be to do something about the chilly anti-male culture they have allowed to spread on our campuses.

-- Dr. Warren Farrell has been chosen by the *Financial Times* as one of the world's top 100 thought leaders. His books include two best-sellers, *Why Men Are the Way They Are* plus *The Myth of Male Power*. Farrell is currently the Chair of the Commission to Create a White House Council on Boys to Men.

"From safety net to hammock"

"We're coming close to a tipping point in America where we might have a net majority of takers versus makers in society and that could become very dangerous if it sets in as a permanent condition. Because what we will end up doing is we will convert our safety net system - which is necessary I believe to help people who can't themselves, to help people who are down on their luck get back onto their feet - into a hammock that ends up lulling people into lives of dependency and complacency which drains them of their incentive and the will to make the most of their lives."

-- Congressman Paul Ryan

The Making of a Prison Society

By William Norman Grigg

"That's why you shouldn't bring kids to protests."

This taunt, from the sneering lips of an armored riot policeman, struck Don Joughin with the force of a billyclub as he tried to comfort his children -- a three-year-old and a newborn -- after they had been showered with a chemical agent.

That assault occurred in 2002, during a visit by then-President George W. Bush to Portland, OR, when police pepper-sprayed a small group of protesters who had stepped outside the designated "free speech" zone.

With his family in danger of being trampled by protesters fleeing the chemical barrage, Joughin asked an officer to let his family leave. "He looked at me and sprayed [my entire family]," Joughin testified, recalling the sadistic taunt from one of the tax-devouring thugs who had assaulted the children with a chemical weapon.

While Americans have been horrified by recent incidents of armored

police beating and pepper-spraying unresisting protesters, those nauseating spectacles are not particularly rare. In "Securitizing America: Strategic Incapacitation and the Policing of Protest Since the 11 September 2001 Terrorist Attacks," published in *Sociology Compass*, Patrick F. Gillham of the University of Idaho observes that current police doctrine dictates that public protests are to be treated as "security threats," and dealt with using methods inspired by "a new penology philosophy."

From that perspective, police are free to employ pre-event surveillance, pre-emptive arrest, hostage-taking, and the use of incapacitating "less-lethal" weaponry in order to "neutralize" people suspected of being "disruptive".

Under the "strategic incapacitation" model, Gillham notes, "police often refuse to communicate at all with possible or actual transgressive protesters except to issue commands once protest events have already begun." Not content with confining protest to "free-speech zones"; the right to assemble itself is subject to modification or revocation without prior notice -- even in the absence of disorderly behavior by protesters.

A September 2001 anti-war protest in Washington, D.C. offered the first field-test of this approach. A group of anarchists were driven into a holding area, where they were literally held as hostages: "After 2 hours of detention, police conveyed the terms under which protesters would be released to a neutral third party of legal observers and not to the detained protesters."

During the 2003 Free Trade summit in Miami, "police not only pre-emptively arrested perceived transgressive protesters, they also arrested scores of union members and student activists walking to permitted events, as well as credentialed reporters and bystanders," recalls Gillham. Most of those arrested had not been ordered to disperse, and had violated no law. In addition, Gillham observes, "Bails were set high as a further way to keep those arrested off the streets."

At the 2008 Republican convention in St. Paul a huge contingent of riot police, including the National Guard's JTF-RNC, equipped with chemical munitions and gas masks, cut off access to a public park and arrested 284 people, in what became a huge open-air detention center.

The same tactics were employed in Pittsburgh when the 2009

G-20 summit brought the crème de la scum of the world's criminal class to that city.

As helicopters plied the night air and serried rows of armored riot police assembled, protesters were ordered to leave -- only to find that the police already had them surrounded and were determined to arrest or assault at least some of them.

Those crackdowns, in keeping with the "strategic incapacitation" doctrine, were not in response to actual or impending threat of criminal violence. Gillham points out that "arrests are selectively applied to neutralize known or suspected transgressive actors often times before any crimes are committed."

Notes Gillham: "Less-lethal weapons such as tear gas, pepper spray, Tasers, rubber bullets, wooden missiles and bean bag rounds are now the weapons of choice.... to temporarily incapacitate potentially disruptive protesters and repel others away from areas police are trying to defend such as entrances and exits to secured zones."

Of course, once a protest is declared an "unlawful assembly," the area itself is designated a "secure zone," and those within it can only leave with the permission of their captors.

All of this is manifestly the product of a military prison camp. The behavior of domestic police in dealing with political demonstrations is nearly identical to that of specialized "Immediate Reaction" forces (IRFs) deployed in military prisons such as those at Guantanamo Bay and Bagram Air Force Base in Afghanistan - as documented in *Five Years of My Life: An Innocent Man in Guantanamo*, by Turkish national Murat Kurnaz. Former military interrogator Erik Saar provides a parallel account in his remorseful memoir *Inside the Wire*.

Nearly identical military tactics were used at "Camp Greyhound" in New Orleans, an improvised jail operated by FEMA in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Among those imprisoned was Syrian-American businessman Abdulrahman Zeitoun, who was seized in his home by National Guardsmen, imprisoned on unspecified charges, and escaped with his life only because of the intervention of a Christian clergyman, after Zeitoun had been transferred to the Elayn Hunt Correctional Center. As recounted by David Eggers in his book *Zeitoun*, the Camp Greyhound experience was one of tedium punctuated by sheer terror. The guards exploited any excuse to

inflict exemplary "discipline" on the detainees, most of whom had been arrested for violating curfew or similar petty matters.

The same ill treatment continued at EHCC. For more than two weeks Zeitoun and his cellmate were abused, insulted, humiliated, and treated to a visit from a Gitmo-style "Extreme Repression Force" (ERP). Swaddled in riot gear, wielding ballistic shields, batons, and other weapons, the ERP "burst in as if [Zeitoun] were in the process of committing murder," writes Eggers. "Cursing at him, three men used their shields to push him to the wall. As they pressed his face against the cinderblock, they cuffed his arms and shackled his legs."

All of the prisoner-control tactics used in Gitmo and "Camp Greyhound" have been employed against peaceful protesters in New York, Oakland, and elsewhere.

Civil libertarians are understandably concerned about sections 1031 and 1032 of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act, which would authorize the indefinite military detention of Americans – including those seized here in the U.S. – who are suspected of terrorism. That abhorrent measure represents an enhancement of current policies and procedures, rather than a departure from them. Whether or not the Senate approves the NDAA, the people in charge of Regime Security already consider this country to be one vast military prison, and are willing to act on that assumption whenever the opportunity presents itself.

-- Pro Liberate, Nov. 28, 2011

"Put down the Chore Boy and back away from the weaponry!"

A letter has surfaced from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) warning against stockpiling Chore Boy household scrubbers because they can be considered a component of a gun silencer and, therefore, regulated by federal gun laws.

The letter dated Nov. 26, 2010 was recently obtained by David Codrea, who publishes the on-line Gun Rights Examiner.

In it, an attorney was asking about a repair that a client wished to make on an already-registered silencer for a .22 caliber rifle.

"Does sound/gas absorbing materials manufactured from Chore Boy copper clean pads, along with

fiberglass insulation, constitute a silencer part as defined in 18 U.S.C 921(a)(24)?" he asked.

"Yes," confirmed John R. Spencer, chief of the Firearms Technology Branch. "Gas/sound-absorbing material is the same as a baffle in that it is designed to reduce/trap hot gases within the expansion tube to allow cooling before they are released from the silencer, subsequently reducing sound."

The correct procedure would be for the owner of the registered silencer to submit an application and pay a \$200 tax, the ATF reply said.

"Further, he would have to submit a 'no-marking' variance to FTB since there is no viable area in which to apply a serial number to the sound-absorbing material," Spencer wrote.

Codrea said he blacked out the name of the attorney to keep identities confidential.

The ATF also has classified the M1 Garand, a rifle used by the U.S. military during World War II and Korea, as a "threat to public safety in the U.S."

States already have begun rebelling against federal rules for guns, with eight formally adopting laws that exempt guns made, sold and kept within the states from federal regulations.

A court case over that law is in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. -- "No Joke! ATF bans scrub-pad stockpiles", WorldNet Daily, Nov. 26, 2011

Indiana sheriff stands up to Feds

By David E. Gumpert-blogmaster

The Justice Department has withdrawn its grand jury subpoena of Indiana raw dairy farmer David Hochstetler.

He was scheduled to testify in connection with an outbreak of illnesses linked by public health officials, including the Food and Drug Administration, to the milk of his Forest Grove Dairy.

"Based on your representation that Forest Grove Dairy is a sole proprietorship and that you refuse to produce any responsive documents based on the assertion of rights guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution against self incrimination, I write to advise you that you are released from the subpoena until further notice," wrote Ross Goldstein, a Justice Department trial attorney.

While it's not clear exactly what led to the federal pullback, one factor may have been the efforts of Elkhart County sheriff Brad Rogers.

Rogers emailed Goldstein that there had been "a number of inspections and attempted inspections on (Hochstetler's) farm..." He warned that "any further attempts to inspect this farm without a warrant signed by a local judge, based on probable cause, will result in Federal inspectors' removal or arrest for trespassing by my officers or I."

That prompted Goldstein to cite the U.S. Constitution's "Supremacy Clause," which he said "has been interpreted since the earliest days of this nation to mean that federal law trumps state law whenever the two conflict."

Goldstein argued that the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act allowed federal agents "to enter Mr. Hochstetler's property...without a warrant at all--pursuant to a long line of federal cases..." Moreover, he warned the sheriff that federal agents could arrest him-- "that the 'refusal to permit entry or inspection as authorized by section 374 is in itself a federal criminal offense, which under certain circumstances is a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to three years..."

During an interview, Rogers responded to Goldstein's argument, "When you assert that federal law trumps state law, it is a distortion of the intent, content and extent of the supreme law of the land--the U.S. Constitution--seen through a myopic and misunderstood view of Article VI, section 2 (The Supremacy Clause)."

He also asserted that "the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act could be deemed unconstitutional if and when challenged vis-a-vis the Tenth Amendment juxtaposed with The Commerce Clause."

He added that "our form of government was based on the principle that all officials exist to secure 'Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.' Such 'cosmetic' regulations will never 'trump' those principles. The citizen in question is a good man and has committed no crime. He is an upstanding member of this community. He does not have to allow access to his property for the FDA to conduct random inspections."

The affair had received publicity via an article I wrote for Food Safety News, detailing how extensive testing of Hochstetler's milk in 2010 had shown no signs of campylobacter, and how FDA officials had targeted

Hochstetler and another farmer in 2009.

When I asked Hochstetler, who is Amish, whether he was relieved about the turn of events, he said, "I never got too excited about it. It is spiritual warfare between good and evil and if we have God on our side, we will win."

-- "Amid Sheriff-DoJ Warnings, Pullback on Grand Jury Investigation of IN Dairy Farmer; Raw Milk Freedom Riders Push Further on Interstate Milk Prohibition", December 7, 2011, www.thecompletepatient.com

UN Peacekeepers Wreaking Havoc in Haiti

The United Nations Peacekeeping operation in Haiti, MINUSTAH by its French acronym, has been the target of recent popular protests because of its role in re-introducing cholera and the sexual assault of a young Haitian man. On November 3, 2011 the Institute for Justice and Democracy and Bureau des Avocats Internationaux filed a legal complaint on behalf of over 5,000 cholera victims seeking damages from the UN. The UN has so far not responded.

Here is MINUSTAH, by the numbers:

Number of MINUSTAH troops (military and police) currently in Haiti: **12,552**

Date on which cholera was discovered: **October 21, 2010**

Minimum number of people killed from cholera in Haiti since October 2010: **6,908**

Number of cholera victims who filed a claim with the UN seeking damages: **5,000**

Number of cholera victims: **513,997**

Number of MINUSTAH personnel repatriated after a cell phone video emerged showing troops sexually assaulting a young Haitian man: **5**

Number of successful prosecutions against over 100 MINUSTAH troops repatriated to Sri Lanka after allegations of involvement in child prostitution surfaced in 2007: **0**

Date the head of MINUSTAH was reported saying it was "really unfair" to accuse the UN of bringing cholera to Haiti: **November 22, 2010**

Distance, in miles, from the Nepalese

MINUSTAH base to the location of the first reported case of cholera: **0.1**

Date on which scientific paper confirmed that Haitian and Nepalese samples of cholera were "almost identical": **August 23, 2011**

Days since the cholera outbreak it has taken for the UN to accept responsibility: **413 (and counting)**

Percent of Haitians in a recent survey who said they wanted MINUSTAH gone within a year: **65**

Percent of UN peacekeeping operations worldwide funded by the United States: **27**

-- Center for Economy and Policy Research, 10 December 2011, with due respect to Harper's

Fed shells out \$29 trillion

"\$29,000,000,000,000: A Detailed Look at the Fed's Bailout by Funding Facility and Recipient"

Abstract: There have been a number of estimates of the total amount of funding provided by the Federal Reserve to bail out the financial system. For example, Bloomberg recently claimed that the cumulative commitment by the Fed was \$7.77 trillion. Nicola Matthews and James Felkerson have undertaken the most comprehensive investigation of the raw data to date.

The extraordinary scope and magnitude of the financial crisis of 2007-09 required an extraordinary response by the Fed in the fulfillment of its lender-of-last-resort function. The bottom line: a Federal Reserve bailout commitment in excess of \$29 trillion.

-- Levy Economics Institute of Bard College, Working Paper 698, Dec. 2011

Ed.: hold onto your hat, guys, it looks like we're in for a wild ride.

Handgun review: Kahr P380

Much to my total surprise, the recoil in my brand new pocket Kahr P380 handgun was totally tamed - tamed to the point that the gun was actually FUN TO SHOOT, not like the Kel-tec .380 I purchased some years ago which killed my trigger finger until I fired 150 rounds!

The Kahr accuracy was

superb and, unlike many other small .380s, the gun had real sights on it. You can even get night sights for it.

I own quite a few Kahrs and I know that the polymer ones need a few hundred rounds to break them in due to tight tolerances. The P380 was no exception. There were occasional jams during the break-in period, but those are but faint memories now. During the break-in, the Kahr seemed to have a preference for Magtech ammo.

The P380 works exactly like its bigger brothers, including the slide locking back on the last shot, a slide release, a drop safety, a fully supported chamber, and a Browning-type lockup. Oh, and it has a fantastic trigger, especially for a gun that size. Magazine capacity is 6 + 1.

The gun disappears in my pocket and is so light I can easily forget that I am carrying it. I don't carry a .380 very often, except when either I must carry light and/or extremely discretely or if I want to carry a backup gun. The Kahr P380 is my clear choice for such times.

-- A Virginian, Dec. 12, 2011

Carry handguns holstered!

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA - A father accidentally shot and killed himself Sunday evening, according to the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office.

When the man tried to unbuckle his seat belt, he hit the trigger of his .40 caliber glock and shot himself in the hip.

-- <http://www.wtvr.com/news/20111114>
Here are some key safety reminders:

1. Always use a pocket holster (but do not put anything else in that pocket).
2. Never do a "Mexican carry" where a handgun is tucked in your waistband without a holster. The trigger is not protected from being snagged and the gun can easily fall out of your pants or down your pants, a la Plaxico Burris. Always use a holster when carrying inside the waistband.
3. The holster must completely cover the trigger, otherwise throw it in the trash and buy one that does.

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